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WE ARE IMPRESSED BY OBJECTIVES AND COMPOSITION OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY SCHOLL OF BUSINESS TEAM, AND WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST THEM, BUT TEAM COULD NOT POSSIBLE HAVE CHOSEN WORSE TIME FOR VISIT. NOVEMBER 27 IS CONCLUDING DAY OF THREE-WEEK FAO CONFERENCE, BASIC GOVERNING BODY OF FAO, WHICH MEETS ONLY ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS TO TAKE ACTION ON BUDGET, SELECTION OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL (ONCE EVERY 6 YEARS), AND IMPORTANT POLICY MATTERS. THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 27, CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED TO COMPLETE APPROVAL OF REPORT OF COMMISSION III (INSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS) AND REPORT OF PLENARY. ALL HIGH FAO OFFICIALS WILL BE THOROUGHLY OCCUPIED WITH THIS PROCESS, AND U.S. DELEGATION, INCLUDING ALL OFFICERS OF OFFICE OF FAO AFFAIRS, WILL BE ENGAGED OR ON HAND TO DEAL WITH LAST-MINUTE PROBLEMS. WE RECOMMEND TEAM DEFER ITS VISIT TO MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, WHEN FAO OFFICIALS AND EMBASSY OFFICERS WOULD BE FREE EXCEPT FOR GAO TEAM VISIT. (FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, IS ONE-DAY SESSION OF FAO COUNCIL, AND WILL BE EVEN BUSIER THAN THURSDAY.) IF TEAM MUST COME ON NOVEMBER 27 OR 28, MOST WE CAN DO IS TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS WITH SUCH WORKING-LEVEL FAO OFFICIALS AS ARE FREE FROM CONFERENCE

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ACTIVITY. FOR VISIT ON NOVEMBER 27 OR 28, THEREFORE, LIST

OF FAO OFFICIALS PROMISED IN REFTEL WOULD BE CRITICAL FACTOR.
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